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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment  
of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent  
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<b>PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))</b>	Docket Number (Optional) CS-3114
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Patent Number: 6,950,600Application Number: 09/840,334Issue Date: 09/27/2005Filing Date: 04/23/2001

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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☐ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 1,620.00 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,620.00

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 500749 the sum of \$ 2600.00☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 500749

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## 8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

/Dirk Brinkman/

March 22, 2010

Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

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## ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment  
☒ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely  
☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)  
☒ Other: Supplemental Sheet giving the statement why the maintenance fee was not paid timely.

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

See Supplemental Sheet

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed)

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Title: Exponential Storage System and Method

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Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(b)) supplemental sheet

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional and unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely, but for a keystroke error in the electronic docketing system that miscalculated the maintenance fee due date. The notice of the patent expiration was on February 11, 2010, during a patent file audit was performed on the patent department electronic and physical records. Since a new and reliable electronic docketing system has been installed and the records were checked for accuracy we are able to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee and a decision to file Petition to accept unavoidable delayed payment of Maintenance Fee in an expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(B)).

Respectfully submitted,

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